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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SCHAUFELE'S APPOINTMENT

REF: A. ATHENS 6782, B. STATE 170040

I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER AT 6:30 THIS EVENING, JULY 21
AS HE HAD REQUESTED. BITSIOS OPENED THE MEETING BY SAYING
HE HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE
WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHERS IN GOG AND WOULD LIKE NOW TO
GIVE ME HIS REPLY. HE THEN READ HIS REPLY SLOWLY SO I COULD
TAKE NEARLY VERBATIM NOTES AS FOLLOWS:

"THE CHARACTERIZATION IN THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF THE
GREEK GOVERNMENT'S ACTION WAS "UNWARRANTED" WAS RECEIVED WITH
SURPRISE. WE DO NOT WANT TO BELIEVE THAT OUR FRIENDS IN
WASHINGTON INTENDED TO IGNORE THE FACT THAT MR. SCHAUFELE'S
STATEMENTS DEEPLY HURT THE FEELINGS OF THE GREEKS AND THAT THE
GREEK GOVERNMENT'S REACTION WAS CALCULATED TO PROTECT OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS.

"THE GREEK GOVERNMENT STILL BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD HAVE
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BEST SERVED OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS IF THE MATTER HAD BEEN SETTLED
RAPIDLY. HOWEVER, I DO ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION OF SECRETARY
VANCE TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WHEN WE MEET IN NEW YORK
IN LATE SEPTEMBER AT THE UNGA. I HAVE UNDERSTOOD FROM THE
SECRETARY'S MESSAGE THAT UNTIL THEN THINGS WILL REST AS THEY ARE."
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